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- 3 specifying a sub-category of source images for exclusive
4 matching with a predetermined portion of the target image.
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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to add additional claims prior to the issuance of a patent from this allowed application.

Claims 54-66 have been added. Claims 1, 3-15, 17-31, 33-53, and 54-66, as originally numbered, are pending.

This amendment presents claims specifically directed to a storage medium on which a computer program for generating a mosaic image is stored, wherein the computer program is operative to perform the indicated steps, which are the same steps recited in claims that have already been allowed.

During a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney on February 22, 2000, the Examiner indicated her willingness to consider an amendment of this type prior to issuance of this case. The Examiner is thanked for this consideration.

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If there are any issues found with respect to claims 54-66 being added by this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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